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with the ardor of the true historian journalism could be compiled from

A Fighting Romance

Eileen Pederstone, daughter of the life, lasting beauty and lasting love- and they have an-abundance of back-Brenchfield betrays Phil, who goes the story carries the interest of the of Dr. Abbott's length of life and his parody attests the remarkable impression progress of hostilities. Contributory unsatisfactoriness. Some cities may lation, with New York perhaps sli

way that makes the reader suspect that to the prospect of as much happiness L. Moody, the contrast is so great as Book" company. We must doubt if that this last step would not have been stone in the last chapter.

The book is supposed to be a romance, but one feels that there is a touch of grim realism in the literary confessions of Phil's partner, who says he wrote fifty dime novels in days gone by, only to have them rejected. But Sketches of Prominent by, only to have them rejected. But Political Figures now, he says, a publishing firm has accepted six of them. "They say these six, with a little toning up in language."

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> possessing a tremendous power of atcome into her life. The first was when

looked exactly like the axle grease. Who, like herself, had discovered the

While Morgana in Italy used the Ford's passages on the great names of secret power to run an airship of her contemporary life, and later is able to the city's newspapers of the latter own design that was to carry her to reproduce faithfully its high lights years of the past century. Pulitzer, an undiscovered country, Roger Seaton and shadows. His memory is infallible ever eager and willing to incorporate spent his time in a mountain hut in new and striking ideas; Dana, "pos- California meditating what to do with Wharton's "The Age of Innocence" cal knowledge and a noble capacity for "give life that could not cease and when Ford speaks of the young men hating, easily the leading figure in his force that could not die," or, used anthe made New Year's calls, beginning profession"; Bennett, with his motte, other way, "could sweep the planet "keep the people guessing"; are passed clean of its greedy contentious human

close-up information for decades to ar- Seaton and Morgana. Seaton's motive ing in and out of the narrative. PHIL RALSTON escapes from prison new race, the people of the Brazen or phases of their subjects, they are in British Columbia. The beautiful City, where she would have lasting rich in vivid, vital, natural coloring,

outside the Brazen City.

British Close-Ups Political Figures

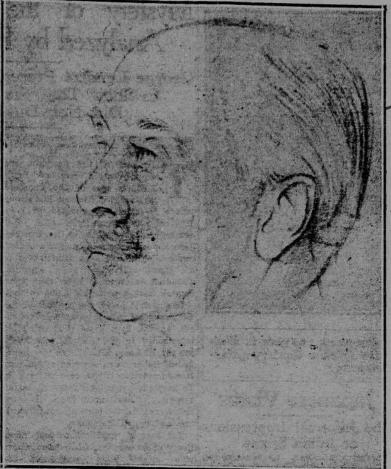
the reputations of men who are prom- rises to absolute fascination. inent in public life. And now we have The secret of his success in thus standing British political figures.

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knew them at all, and others as widely accurate knowledge of great men and The working classes and the Irish of America than in so antiquated a knew them at all, and others as widely accurate knowledge of great men and different, equally well. We cannot, of events is obtained by the school pupils were outspokenly sympathetic with course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of to-day than that which was gained course, say that the fact of his knowing of the fact of hi HAT with Mirrors of Washing-ton, and Mirrors of Downing ton, and Mirrors of Downing cerning them. But when he writes, Street, and Washington Close- with equal intimacy, of them all, and been an open season for gunning after a tragedian, a showman, mere interest

Mr. Sidebotham's "Political Profiles," writing is to be found in the circumstance which we have first mentioned, One marked feature of Mr. Sideboth- mere silhouettes. Indeed, they are more that these portraits are more than am's work is its good humor, which at than mere portraits of any kind. They times almost verges on complacency, are mental and spiritual analyses of He will not hear of mean motives being their subjects, from the point of view imputed to public men, whether he of a common humanity. Dr. Abbott has agrees with their political convictions possessed not only the gifts of long or not. He always proceeds on the assumption that "we are all decent peo- also the rare and precious faculty of ple, honestly desirous of doing the best sympathetically entering into the minds. But, although the book lacks the to be able to interpret them as well caustic sting imparted by malice, it is as to portray their outlines. It is the not by any means heavy or uninteresting. Some of the sketches are master-of mind and spirit to say that he does pieces of psychological appreciation this so perfectly in all cases that we and witty comment; and all leave a should be at a loss to select any one of the chapters of his book and say, ng Lord Grey, Lord Curzon and Mr. Here is his best work; with this sub-

of Lord Curzon is adequately por- the famous bricklaying tramp to adwhat threadbare subject, takes on new with him over Edwin Booth's just the Smileys at Lake Monhonk; frem feeling with him convinced of the triumph of the Salvation Army over Professor Huxley's ill-advised strictures. There is an equal appeal in Dr. Abbott's portraiture of Lincoln as "America's greatest labor leader," and through that is one of the shortest of all these sketches and one in which the author specially emphasises their silhouette-likeness, it is so penetrating in vision and so complete as to be one of the most convincing of all. Naturally, much space is devoted to Beecher. whom Dr. Abbott probably knew a little more closely and affectionately than any other in all the illustrious company; but he is no whit less appreciative and sympathetic in his accounts of Edward Everett Hale, of D. L. Moody and of Phillips Brooks. His portraiture of Samuel C. Armstrong and Booker T. Washington is drawn in form and color a the very life, but mathematics and natural philosophy, an educator of girls and a juvenile many points, and as was said of a more famous writer but immeasurably lesser man, he touched nothing that he did not adorn. It may be, as Dr. Abbott tells us, that his "Little Rollo" was not intended as a picture or a suggestion of any one of his four sons. To a larger extent that is often realized; he is a picture of the American boy in an estate which we might desire for veritable sagas of American childhood. can trace some of the author's inherit- with the recent examples of New York, ranged, it should be splendidly impresance from his gifted father and per- Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco sive. ceive the explanation of his ability so and other communities before us, we The intelligent and ordered interest in this singularly luminous and illu-England in 1870 Franco-Prussian War Seen

Through British Eyes

1914. Bismarck's decisive of Europe. Others, of which Brooklyn, open spaces, and what not else. Russia, and stimulated in Germany an each of those systems is regularly and other American cities as in Lon-

the race, she sails out of its problems more than eighty years are vastly more admiration as for special gratitude, it - At first England's public sympathy planning. The waterfront facilities rect application to conditions in any would be the last, relating to the augenerally went out to Germany. Bis- of our ports, the railroad stations and American city are still of immense thor's own father, Jacob Abbott. For marck's cunning strategy had placed terminals, the parks and schools, the value as an inspiration and a stimulus there is need that the present genera- France in the position of a wanton ag- water supplies, the lighting, the local to American municipal administrators traordinary man and his works. Men- picion born of the Napoleonic period the libraries and museums, the police in similar spirit of the problems which tion of the "Rollo Books" may provoke were not altogether dead. However, and fire departments, and what not confront them and which increasingly a smile; yet the frequency with which as Mrs. Raymond shows, there was a else, all differ in city from city, and clamor for solution. they are referred to and adapted in decided shift of sentiment during the too often differ chiefly in degrees of London are now neck and neck in popusion which they made upon both juve- causes of this shift were the ruthless- have solved some of the problems well. leading and destined still more to lead. Then Phil takes hold of matters in a every one save the unfortunate Seaton between Abraham Lincoln and Dwight Phonny and all the rest of the "Blue arsenals on the Black Sea. It was felt

them all created any resemblance by the delighted and absorbed readers demnation of the annexation of Al- city has taken them in hand quite as among them, or united them by any in his "Red Histories." Nor in the sace-Lorraine was almost universal, systematically, as scientifically and, ininterest with which his portraiture of ture for the young are we prepared to pro-German, Carlyle. After the war a sancient city on the Thames. We tery stories, here turns his hand to them is invested. If he had written concede that the new output of to-day wave of apprehension about the uses thought that we did great things here osophy and effective exhortation the military power swept over the country. extension and the widening of Varick of women has its roots deep in his sub-

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overweening consciousness of military rectangular, no two have the same don, and at least as urgent here as

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base lines, so that they come together there. Doubtless we have here men at all sorts of angles and the whole ef- just as competent to deal with th probfect is confusing. Still others, such as In analyzing the reactions of the Chicago and Detroit, are pretty much much devoted at heart to the civic There are other problems than street Even those chapters which have no di-

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